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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	March 03, 2021
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2021-69-G
UTILITIES MATTER	\checkmark	ORDER NO.	2021-150

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Granting Request for Expedited Approval of Application

SUBJECT:

<u>DOCKET NO. 2021-69-G</u> - <u>Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Expedited Approval of Waiver of Late Payment Penalties</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated's Request for Expedited Approval of Its Application for Waiver of Late Payment Penalties.

COMMISSION ACTION:

I move that the Commission grant the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for expedited approval of its Application for waiver of customer late payment penalties.

Piedmont points out in its Application that winter storm-related operational impacts last week at the bill printing facility used by the Company and the regional postal service used by the Company for rendering bills caused a delay in the mailing of some February 2021 bills to certain Piedmont customers. Piedmont has requested that the Commission issue an order on an expedited basis that authorizes Piedmont to waive any late payment charges that would otherwise be incurred by the affected South Carolina customers from late payment of their delayed February 2021 cycle billing.

Therefore, we have heard from the ORS who has advised by letter on March 2nd and it has no objections to Piedmont's request.

This is certainly a reasonable request by Piedmont Natural Gas Company. We appreciate Piedmont's consideration for its customers in this regard to be fair to their customers under the circumstances. Therefore, I move for waiver of the late payment penalties under the circumstances. I so move.

PRESIDING:	<u>J. Williams</u>			SESSION: <u>Regular</u> TIME		TIME: 11:00 a.m
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER		
BELSER		✓			Present in	Hearing Room
CASTON		✓			Present in	Hearing Room
ERVIN	✓	✓			Voting via	audioconference

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J. WILLIAMS	✓	Present in Hearing Room
C. WILLIAMS	✓	Voting via Skype
THOMAS	✓	Voting via Skype
POWERS	✓	Voting via Skype

(SEAL) RECORDED BY: <u>J. Schmieding</u>

